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In re application of: ROBERT H. DAHLA et
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Examiner: Michael J. Hayes

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Title: ELECTROSURGICAL APPARATUS AND
METHODS FOR TREATMENT AND
REMOVAL OF TISSUE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2006 setting a three month period for reply. Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) herewith and petition for a one month extension under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to file this reply by August 21, 2006. Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0359 for the RCE and the one-month extension fee. In view of the present amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the Application is respectfully requested.

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